



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/542,767	07/20/2005	Kiyotaka Moriizumi	124642	1612

25944 7590 03/14/2008  
OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC  
P.O. BOX 320850  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22320-4850

EXAMINER
----------

BEHNCKE, CHRISTINE M

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

3661

MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
-----------	---------------

03/14/2008

PAPER

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

MAILED  
FROM DIRECTORS OFFICE

SEP 13 2008

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600

Oliff & Berridge, PLC  
P.O. Box 320850  
Alexandria, VA 22320-4850

In re application of	:	<b>DECISION ON REQUEST TO</b>
Kiyotaka Moriizumi et al	:	<b>PARTICIPATE IN PATENT</b>
Application No. 10/542,767	:	<b>PROSECUTION HIGHWAY</b>
Filed: July 20, 20065	:	<b>PROGRAM AND PETITION</b>
For: COLLISION PREDICTING APPARATUS	:	<b>TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER</b>
AND COLLISION PREDICTING METHOD	:	<b>37 CFR 1.102(d)</b>

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed December 11, 2007, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of the latest Office action from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
- (7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

In light of the preliminary amendment filed December 11, 2007 with the petition, the request to participate in the PPH program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Steven N. Meyers, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-6611.



---

Steven N. Meyers,  
Quality Assurance Specialist  
Technology Center 3600

Sm/sm: 3/12/08